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SUBJ: GOT RESTRICTIONS ON U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITIES:

SITUATION REPORT AS OF 1700 HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 19, 1975

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1. SUMMARY: CUSTOMS IS BECOMING AN EVEN THORNIER
PROBLEM. INITIAL MEASURES BY TURKISH GENERAL STAFF (TGS)
AND CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES TO IMPLEMENT NEW CUSTOMS

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REGULATIONS ARE OVERLY RIGID AND DEMANDING AND IF NOT

RELAXED, COULD BRING OUR LOGISTICS OPERATIONS TO A VIRTUAL HALT. IZMIR HAS APPARENTLY BEEN CLOSED TO U.S. MILITARY CARGO. END SUMMARY.

2. TGS RECENTLY PROVIDED US WITH AMPLIFYING AND IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS FOR NEW CUSTOMS CIRCULAR. TGS INFORMATION AND PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS ARE EXTREMELY DETAILED, REQUIRING INTER ALIA SUBMISSION OF 15 COPIES OF DETAILED DECLARATIONS ON ALL INCOMING AND INTERNAL SHIPMENTS 20 DAYS IN ADVANCE TO TGS FOR APPROVAL. APPROVED DECLARATIONS EVENTUALLY GO TO CUSTOMS FOR CHECKING AGAINST CARGO. COMPLYING WITH TGS REQUIREMENTS AS NOW WRITTEN WOULD PRESENT VIRTUALLY INSUPERABLE PROBLEMS. CJUSMMAT HAS SUGGESTED MEETING WITH TGS TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH U.S. LOGISTICS SYSTEMS.

3. IZMIR CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES INFORMED US THIS AFTERNOON THAT, SINCE IZMIR IS NOT RPT NOT ON LIST OF APPROVED PORTS, MILITARY CARGO CAN NO LONGER BE CLEARED THERE. COMMENT: IZMIR AUTHORITIES HAVE APPARENTLY DECIDED THAT THEY CAN NO LONGER OVERLOOK DIRECTIVE CLOSING THAT PORT TO U.S. MILITARY CARGO. SINCE THIS ACTION WILL POSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN SUPPLYING OUR NATO HEADQUARTERS IN IZMIR, WE ARE AGAIN RAISING THIS MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY.

4. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT OTHER PORTS ARE ALSO NOW TAKING A HARDER LINE. HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND POV'S ARE MOVING , BUT GENERAL CARGO IS NOT. AT YALOVA (KARAMURSEL), AND ISTANBUL, CUSTOMS OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL NOT CLEAR CARGO UNLESS TGS PROCEDURES ARE STRICTLY ADHERED TO. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT IZMIR AND YALOVA ALSO SAID THAT TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF DUTIABLE ITEMS (BEYANNAME ITEMS) AND POV'S BETWEEN INDIVIDUALS AND EXPORT OF BX ITEMS PURCHASED DURING TOURS WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED. YALOVA CUSTOMS DIRECTOR WILL ALLOW NO PACKING OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS WITHOUT HIS APPROVAL. AT INCIRLIK, TURKISH AUTHORITIES ARE NOW CHECKING AIRCRAFT CARGO CLOSELY AGAINST CARGO LOADS LISTED ON AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE REQUESTS. CARGO NOT LISTED AND CARGO EXCEEDING
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ESTIMATED WEIGHT IS BEING REJECTED.

5. THE LOG-JAM OF OUTGOING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AT ISKENDERUN WAS BROKEN ON AUGUST 17. VANS OF OUTGOING PERSONAL EFFECTS HAVE NOW BEEN CLEARED. SOME INCOMING HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS ARE STILL BEING HELD BY CUSTOMS, BUT THE EXPECTATION IS THAT THEY WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY. GENERAL CARGO, HOWEVER, IS STILL BEING

HELD UP AT ISKENDERUN. AT YUMURTALIK, LOCKS ON J-4
VALVES AND PUMPS HAVE BEEN REMOVED, AND FUEL SHOULD BE
FLOWING FROM THERE IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
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